

SB355: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations

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Oppose

I am writing to you as a concerned parent about removing the need for a child to have a prescription from a doctor to get certain vaccinations. I firmly believe that the best outcomes for the health of children are achieved when parent and doctors work together on behalf of the child. Pharmacists are not trained in the assessment of a child before vaccination. This is why current law includes the need for a prescription from a physician. If a child has a history of adverse reactions to vaccinations or other medical conditions that a physician would not recommend administering a vaccine at that time, this would not be known by the pharmacist.

Adverse reactions happen frequently enough that the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act (NCVIA) was created in 1986. To date, approximately \$4 billion dollars have been paid out through the NCVIA.

I plead with you to consider the consequences of eliminating the need for a prescription from a physician to get a vaccine. As a concerned parent, I firmly believe in the importance of the doctor/patient relationship.

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